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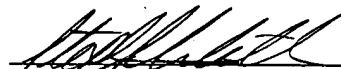
12. A cementing composition, comprising:
 - (i) hydraulic binder;
 - (ii) dense particles having a density higher than that of the density of the hydraulic binder; and
 - (iii) reinforcing particles which:
 - comprise a material selected from the group consisting of rubber and flexible materials;
 - have a density of less than about 1.5 g/cm^3 ;
 - are of low compressibility; and
 - have an average grain size of less than about $600 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$.
13. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the reinforcing particles have a density of less than 1.2 g/cm^3 .
14. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the dense particles comprise hematite particles.
15. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Young's modulus of less than 5000 MPa .
16. The cementing composition of claim 15, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Young's modulus of less than 3000 MPa .
17. The cementing composition of claim 16, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Young's modulus of less than 2000 MPa .
18. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has a Poisson ratio of greater than 0.3.
19. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has an average particle size in the range of $80 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ to $600 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

20. The cementing composition of claim 19, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles has an average particle size in the range of 100 μm to 500 μm .
21. The cementing composition of claim 12, wherein the material comprising the reinforcing particles comprises a flexible material selected from the group consisting of polyamides, polypropylene, polyethylene, styrene butadiene and styrene divinylbenzene.
22. The cementing composition of claim 12, comprising, by volume, 2% to 15% of dense particles, 5% to 20% of flexible particles, 20% to 45% of cement and 40% to 50% of mixing water.
23. The cementing composition of claim 12, further comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of suspension agents, dispersing agents, anti-foaming agents, retarders, setting accelerators, fluid loss control agents, gas migration control agents and expansion agents.
24. The method of cementing a zone of a well, comprising pumping into the well a cementing composition, comprising:
 - (i) hydraulic binder;
 - (ii) dense particles having a density higher than that of the density of the hydraulic binder; and
 - (iii) reinforcing particles which:
 - comprise a material selected from the group consisting of rubber and flexible materials;
 - have a density of less than about 1.5 g/cm^3 ;
 - are of low compressibility; and
 - have an average grain size of less than about 600 μm .
25. The method of claim 24, wherein the cementing composition is pumped into a perforation zone.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the cementing composition is pumped into a junction of a multilateral well.
27. The method of setting a cement plug, comprising pumping into a well, a cementing composition, comprising:
- (i) hydraulic binder;
 - (ii) dense particles having a density higher than that of the density of the hydraulic binder; and
 - (iii) reinforcing particles which:
 - comprise a material selected from the group consisting of rubber and flexible materials;
 - have a density of less than about 1.5 g/cm^3 ;
 - are of low compressibility; and
 - have an average grain size of less than about $600 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

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